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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration  
FROM: John N. McMahon  
Deputy Director for Operations  
SUBJECT: Separate Tours for Married Officers

Jack:

Times being what they are, we are faced more and more with husbands and wives having their own separate careers. When both are Agency employees we make an effort to place both of them at the same overseas post. This has been accomplished infrequently and I am not sanguine about our ability to increase our batting average. As a result, the employees are quite prepared to seek separate assignments unaccompanied.

I am sure that the annals of CIA records are replete with the unsatisfactory consequences of separate tours. However, since we already are cognizant of the willingness of couples to engage in them, and can forecast that that willingness will increase, I submit it as appropriate that the Agency establish a sound policy regarding separate or unaccompanied tours and what benefits, emoluments, etc., will be granted under such situations. I will be happy to have the Directorate participate in any discussions you think are appropriate with Personnel, Medics, Security, etc.

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